Overseers of the Poor
1848-1857
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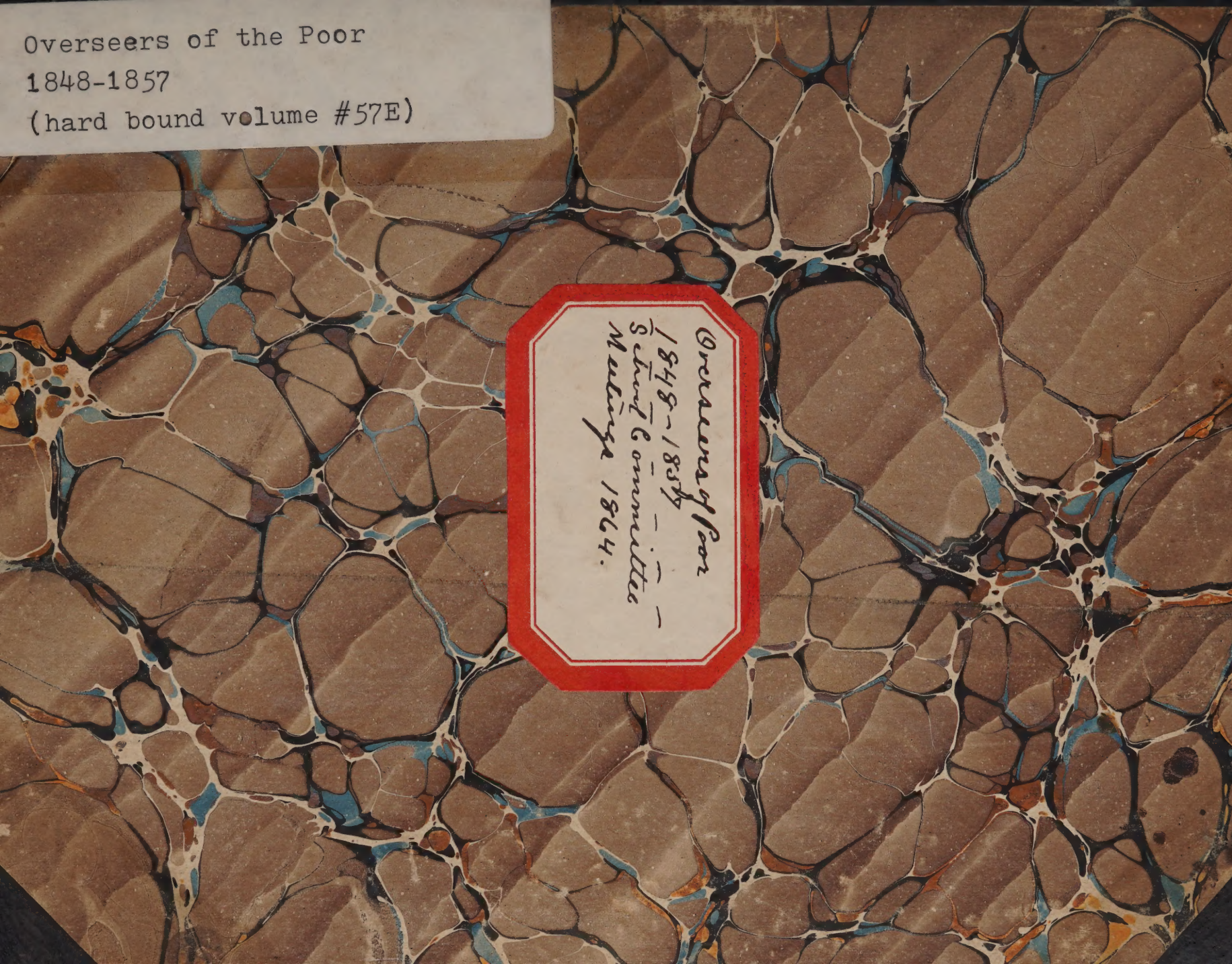

The Subscribers to whom was refered the Subject of making additions and alterations on the Buildings of the Alms house establishment and to purchase Stock Tools &c. for the same submit the following

Report.

That we have expended for those purposes as follows viz,

To paid John C. Gage for Cow $34. J. & J. Barker for 2 Cows $50.	84	00
Henry Barker for Cow $30. A. W. & H. O. Warren bill $37. —	67	00
Dan Weed for tin ware $10. P. E. Saunders for Coz. chairs $3.75	13	75
A. A. Edgerton for Tubs $3.50. D. Richards for Strainers ,33	3	83
E. G. Bunker bag Salt $,25. D. Gould 10 B Potatoes $6. —	6	25
H. Abbot jr & Co. for Bedsteads $7. W. Stevens for Bed ropes $,92	7	92
E. Barker 107 lbs Salt Pork $13.37. H. & F. H. Pearl Lumber $22.54.	35	91
A. Parker Nails $1.00. Benja. Peabody hauling Lumber $4. —	5	00
Thos. S. Hovey for hog 242 lbs. 7¼ cts. $18.15. H. Barker for Grey mare $90.	108	15
D. R. Bowker Grindstone $1.92 Adams & Richardson Steelyards $1.	2	92
A. W. & H. O. Warren bill $10.83. J. & H. Hale Tools &c. $7.53. —	18	36
Wm H. Chase Hardware &c. — — — — — — —	2	20
T. Downing & Co. 61¼ Yds. of Burlap at 12 cts. — — —	7	35
J. B. Peirce Bag Salt $1.63. H. & F. H. Pearl 1100 Lathes $2.47 —	4	10
A. & G. Appleton for Nails $,32. Currier & Taylor & Casks Lime $3.40	3	72
Carried up — — —	$370	46

Brot. up — — $370 46

S. Pearl 1 B. Cats $.65. Toll at Haverhill Bridge $.25 — — — 90

Jos. W. Ropes Stove & funnel $2.12 Frothingham boiler & Hearth cor $7.12½ 36 24½

Wm H. Chase Butts &c. 6.22. Thos Downing Bed Covers $7. — 13 22

Jefferson Kimball Horse wagon $50. S. Andrews 1000 Bricks & hauling $9. 59 00

John Morse Harness $18. Thos S. Hovey Wheels Axles &c. $16. — — 34 00

Abel Spofford Sow & pigs $16. Wm P. Perley Mason labor $11.37 — 27 37

Jona. Martin on account of articles furnished — — — 25 00

M. M. F. I. Co. $10. for insurance A. Dorman labor & expenses at Workhouse $19.40 — 29 40

George Pearl making bed ticks &c. 2.25. James Carleton Carpenter $2.17 — 4 42

$600 01½

We have drawn from the Treasurer to pay the above }
By Order June 17th $300 }
" - " July 2 - 200 } Orders Recorded
" - " " 7 - 100 } on page 100. Pauper Book — 600 00

000 01½

Jonathan Martin's bill for Goods, Tools, labor and other articles furnished as per his Book of accts. $303.74

We have drawn orders in his favour on the Treasurer for two hundred and twenty dollars & 93/100 and chd. him for articles sold to the amt. $62.74 — — — — — — $283.67

Deduct $25. for cash on accot. of articles furnished as above $ 20.07 / $ 25.00

Balance in favor of Town Feb. 24th 1848 — — — — — — — $ 4 93

turn over —

And for all other expenses incurred at the Alms house and for the support of paupers out of the house we have drawn orders on the Treasurer as per record on the order books—

Botsford Feb. 25th 1848

George Pearl
Ansel Dorman
Moses Dorman jr } Committee and Overseers of the Poor of Botsford

William Lowe } Town Clerk—

1850 Report of the Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Bonsfore) Report that the whole Receipts at the Alms house Establishment the past year were as follows viz

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Balance in Superintendents hands March 1st 1849		22 00
Amt of orders to J. Martin for expenses at Alms house		270 00
" " " " " " " "	Services as Superintendent	250 00
Order No 11 to Amos T. Day		5 20
" 19 David Mighill		6 00
10 Hiram Hardy		9 50
16 James Carleton		6 62
Total amount drawn from Town Treasury		$ 569 32
Add avails of produce sold off		125 50
and have the sum of		$ 694 82

as the whole amount of receipts of which amount $ 28.42 ct is left in the Superintendents hands

Expenditures

	$
By Mr Martins account (see Auditors Report)	639 08
Amt paid Messrs Day, Hardy, Carleton & Mighill as above	27 32
	$ 666 40
Add interest on original outlay	186 00
Total expenditures including interest on the farm	$ 852 40

1859 Report Continued

The appraisal of Personal property exceeds that of last year	$ 34 42
Of the above expenses the amount paid for improvement on the house and farm were as follows	
For Grafting	9 50
Lumber, Lime, Paint Stock &c	18 48
Carpenters labor	6 62
Mason's labor (pointing cellar)	6 00
Painting	1 50
	$ 42 10
Of which amount the Overseers think that thirty seven dollars (at least) ought to be reckoned as increased value on the Establishment	$ 37-00
Increase of Real & Personal property	(71-42)
Added to this the avails of produce sold off	125. 50
" " " Widow Kimball's dower	10. 00
And we have the sum of	206 92
Which sum subtracted from the total expenditures including interest of Farm leaves the sum of	$ 645 48
as the actual cost to the Town of maintaining Paupers at the alms house the past year	

1850 Report Continued

The whole expense out of the Alms house the past year has been ten dollars which sum was paid to C.P. French for Medical attendance on the family of Asa Andrews which added to the expenses at the Almshouse gives the sum of $ ——————————— 655 48

as the total cost to the Town of supporting Paupers the past year

For further particulars see Auditors Report

The Overseers deem it proper to remark in conclusion that in discharging their duties the past year their policy has been to advance the permanent interests of the Town rather than merely to crowd the year through at the least possible expense

Respectfully submitted by the subscribers

Boxford March 1st 1850

Joshua D. Day
Amiel Dorman
} Overseers of the Poor of Boxford

Accepted by the Town

Moses Dorman Town Clerk

1851 Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Bedford Report. That the Receipts at the Alms-house the past year were as follows

Ballance left in Mr. Martin's hands Feb. 19th 1850.		$28.42
Amount received for Sarah Kimball's effects sold	3 90	
Orders to Mr Hood for expenses at Alms house	170 00	
Mr Hoods salary as Superintendent	200.00	
Avails of Produce sold	161.19	
Whole amount of Receipts		$563.51

The amount of expenditures were as follows

By Mr Martins account to April 1st 1850.	24.61	
" Mr Hoods account since April 1st 1850	316.89	
Salary paid. Mr Hood	200.00	
	$541 50	
Subtract amount paid by Mr Hood to Overseers of Reading	6 75	
Amount paid out for Alms-house expenses		$534 75

A ballance of $22.01 being left in the superintendents hands

The appraisal of Personal Property after deducting on fuel and Lumber exceeds that of last year		$30.00
Add avails of produce sold	161 19	

Report Continued

and it makes the sum of $21.29
Which subtracted from Alms-house expenses leaves 323.46
To which add interest on Alms House establishment 186.00
And it makes the sum of — — $509.46
as the total cost of the Alms-house establishment
the past year.

The Pauper expenses out of the Alms-house
were as follows
Paid to Daniel Wells for boarding
Hepsibah Smith 28 weeks 11.20
Paid Master of House of Correction
for board of W. H. Davis. 13.28
Mr. Cood paid Overseers of Reading on
account of Washington Peabody 6.75
Total expenses paid for Paupers out of the House 31.23
Alms house expenses brought forward & added 509.46
makes the sum of — — 540.69
as the total Pauper expense the past year.
The Subscribers also further Report,
that agreeably to a vote of the Town they made
a selection and sale at Auction of the
Timber trees standing on the Poor farm

Report Continued

on the 8th day of April last, the whole proceeds of which sale amounted to two hundred and seventy seven dollars and sixty two cents. two dollars and twenty five cents of which we paid to Moses Dorman for selling the same, and the remaining sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty seven cents we have paid over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted by the Subscribers

Boxford March 3d 1851

Ancill Dorman
Joshua T Day
William R Cole
} Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boxford.

Accepted by the Town.

Attest — John H Kimball Town Clerk

Report of Committee to build a Barn on the Poor-farm.

The subscribers chosen by the town of Boxford at the last annual town-meeting, as a Committee to build a Barn on the Poor-farm in said town respectfully submit the following

Report.

Agreeably with the directions of the town we have caused a barn to be raised on the Poor-farm 48 feet in length by 38 in breadth with a cellar under the whole. The cost of which was as follows viz.

	$	cts.
For digging cellar. Cash paid Guilty & Foley	69.	62
Also pd Guilty & Foley in Rum 17 cwt	13	50
For 20 M. Shingles @ $4.50 pr M, For 5. M. do @ $3½ pr M. paid	112.	61
For lumber, Cash pd Daniel P. Harriman for timber &		
board 10.393 feet @ $14. pr M.	145.	50
Paid D. P. Harriman 2200 ft boards @ $15. pr M.	33	00
Paid Wm H. Merrick for 4142 ft boards @ $15 pr M.	62	13
For nails cash pd	19	93
Cash pd for 141 lbs Hinges Latches & Nails	14	10
Cash pd J. J. Foster for building sd Barn	156.	00
Cash pd J. J. Foster for Sashes over Barn-doors sawing		
shapes, setting posts in Cellar bully &c.	11.	11

	$	cts
Cash pd for windows, 10 pine glass, window fixtures &c.	4	11
Cash pd Daniel Davis for labor filling up around Barn	7	50
" pd Mark Tilley for do	5	75
" pd Benjd Barnes, for drawing lumber from Depot; for freight on lumber for Mr Hall & for Simpson	8	62
Cash pd B. F. Barnes for drawing frame over to Allen	3	00
Cash pd for nails	5	45
Cash pd Samuel Woodale for stoning cellar & pointing same; digging & mortar wall under sills &c.	51	72.
Total $		717.65

About six thousand shingles on hand, worth probably $25 00
Most of the timber in the old barn was found
to be too badly decayed to admit of its being
used in the new one.

Respectfully submitted

John P. Kimball
Moses Dorman
B. F. Barnes
} Committee.

Accepted by the Town,
Attest William Howe } Town Clerk.

1858

Report of the Overseers of the Poor Buxton

The subscribers respectfully submit the following Report relating to the expenses of the Almshouse Collection &c and the support of Paupers the past year

On the first of April 1857 the almshouse and furniture was let under the care of Mr William P. Savage as master He received on cash from Mr Pingree former master 7 67
He has received during the year by orders from Selectmen 30 00
He has received for articles sold from farm and for his labor the sum of 269 54

Total amt of receipts 307 21
Amount of expenses cash paid 202 91
Balance in the Savages hands in favor of Town $104 30

There is on hand Butter 40 lbs, Salt Pork and hams about 300 lbs, beef 150 lbs 75 lbs dried apples about 45 bushels potatoes 4 bush meal, and articles usually found in families as sugar molasses &c in small quantities Amount of stock 5 cows 3 Stone 3 none Amount of $ 16 & 12 Cts mostly English

There has been during year 5 Paupers in addition to which the Town are paying $2.50 per week for support of Mrs Priscilla Robinson of Salisbury port since Dec 16th 1857 Mr Savage receives for services of himself and wife ——— 200
for the year

Peter T. Rimmel
Wm C. Libby
Wm G. Harris
} Overseers of the Poor of Buxton

Poor

1859 Report of Overseers of Boxford

The Subscribers respectfully submit the following Report - relating to the Expenses of the Almshouse Establishment and the support of Paupers the past year

Cash in hands of Wm F. Savage Master of Almshouse
Feb 16th 1859 ..... $104 30

Cash received for things sold from the Farm
and his labor 346 72

Total amt. of Receipts 450 102

× Whole amount of Expenses Cash paid 351 81
Balance in Mr. Savage's hands in favor of Town Feb 24 1859 99 21

Supplies on hand Salt-Pork & Ham about
250 lbs beef 175 lbs dried apples 75 lbs Potatoes 60 bush
Corn & meal 5 bush. butter 30 lbs. Lard 35 lbs. Flour 140 lbs
and other articles such as are ~~for~~ usually found in
Families in small quantities —

Amount of Hay 12 tons mostly English.
Amount of Stock 5 Cows, Horse & 2 Swine
Whole number of Paupers at Almshouse
during the year 6. Average about 5½
in addition to which the Town is paying.

$ 2,00 per week for support of Mrs.
Priscilla Robinson of Newbury Port
Mr. Savage receives for services
of himself and wife $ 209,00 for the year

× In the above Expenses are included 50 dollars of Mr.
Savage's Salary for the year 1855

Wm E. Killam
John F. Kimball
William R Cole
} Overseers of the Poor of Boxford

1864

At a meting of the School Committee and Selectmen of Bofford held for the purpose of choosing one member of the School Committee (in place of William H Wood who was chosen at a former meeting who declined serving) held May 3d 1864 at the house of Wm R Cole

Chose William H Wood for said Committee

Wm E Killam } Town Clerk

At a meeting of the School Committee and Selectmen of the Town of Botford legally notified and duly held at the house of William R Cole on Saturday the fourteenth day of May 1864 for the purpose of filling two vacancies in the School Committee of Botford

Chose. Samuel P Peabody } School
" William R Cole } Committee

Signed William H Wood } School Committee
Wm E Killam } Selectmen
Joshua D Day } Botford
Wm E Killam } Town Clerk